

Section 353 of Public Law 107-314, "Bob Stump National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2003" December 2, 2002".

Sec [S348/H354], Installation and Connection Policy and Procedures regarding DSN.

(a) Establish of Policy and Procedures – NLT 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the SecDef shall establish clear and uniform policy and procedures, applicable to the military departments and Defense Agencies, regarding the installation and connection of telecom switches to the DSN.

(b) Elements of Policy and Procedures – The policy and procedures shall address at a minimum the following: (1) Clear interoperability and compatibility requirements for procuring, certifying, installing, and connecting telecom switches to the DSN, (2) Current, complete, and enforceable testing, validation, and certification procedures needed to ensure the interoperability and compatibility requirements are satisfied.

(c) Exceptions – (1) The SecDef may specify certain circumstances in which – (A) the requirements for testing, validation, and certification of telecom switches may be waived; or (B) interim authority for the installation and connection of telecom switches to DSN may be granted. (2) Only the ASDC3I may approve a waiver or grant an interim authority under paragraph (1). The authority to approve such a waiver or grant an interim authority may not be delegated. (3) The ASDC3I shall consult with the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff before approving a waiver or grant an interim authority under paragraph (1).

(d) Inventory of DNS – The SecDef shall prepare and maintain an inventory of all telecom switches that, as of the date on which the Secretary issues the policy and procedures – (1) are installed or connected to the DSN; but (2) have not been tested, validated, and certified by the DISA (JITC).

(e) Interoperability Risks – On an ongoing basis the SecDef shall – (1) identify and assess the interoperability risks that are associated with the installation or connection of uncertified switches to the DSN and the maintenance of such switches on the DSN; and (2) develop and implement a plan to eliminate or mitigate such risks as identified.

(f) Telecom Switch Defined – In this section, the term “telecom switch” means hardware or software designed to send and receive voice, data, or video signals across a network that provides customer voice, data, or video equipment across the DSN or PSTN.